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PROGRAMME

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Louis Martano, a true friend and devoted husband.....Mr. Robt. Wayne
Conte Marco Caluma, a messenger of vengeance.....	
Paul Goretta, a false friend.....	William F. Canfield
Marquis De Montford, an old friend of Louis.....	Nelson Compston
Falconi, a rag picker.....	Edwin Keough
Ippolita Dulci, a poet.....	Alfred F. Usher
Francisco Duletto, a brigand.....	Thos. Ellinwood
Lugua Biscardie, his accomplice.....	John Pryor
Sig. Girado.....	Frankie Dupree
Marie, pure and true.....	Mamie Egberts
Riti, Contessa Martano.....	Mrs. Robt. Wayne

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—The plot, the false wife and treacherous friend. The poisoned wine. The toast.
 ACT II.—SCENE 1—Martano Mausoleum. SCENE 2—A street in Naples. SCENE 3—Garden joining the Villa Martano.
 ACT III.—The Villa Martano.
 ACT IV.—SCENE 1—Ditto. Three weeks later. Marie's accusation. A desperate woman's stratagem.
 ACT V.—SCENE 1—Garden of Villa Martano. SCENE 2—Martano Mausoleum.
 Between acts three and four the curtain will only remain down one minute.

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Helen (starting from a reverie) — Harold—Oh, yes, Harold means business. He told me so last night.

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This life is full of trials—
They strike us at each turn,
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You may be dire afflicted,
And your troubles bravely spurn,
But you're bound to knuckle under

IF YOUR COAL WON'T BURN!

You may lend men money
Which they never will return,
But you'll swear great deal harder

IF YOUR COAL WON'T BURN!

There are dozens other troubles
In life's too brief sojourn,
But they fade away to nothing

WHEN YOUR COAL WON'T BURN!

P.S.—The moral is obvious: Buy good coal at
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Little Sister—"Mamma says Mr. Nextdoor is suffering from a complication of diseases." Little Brother—"I guess that's so. I have seen three different doctors go in there this morning."—Good News.

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SATURDAY MATINEE

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Risque Lincoln.....	William F. Canfield
Jim Lincoln.....	Thos. Ellinwood
Spike, the tramp.....	Edwin Keough
Walter Glyndon.....	Alfred L. Usher
Mr. Rexford.....	} Nelson Compston
Simeon White.....	
Ethel Rexford.....	Miss Ellinwood
Mattie.....	Mamie Egberts
Widow Clover.....	Mrs. Robert Wayne

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—Rexford's Banking Office, New York.
ACT II.—Rexford's Banking Office, New York.
ACT III.—Rexford's Mansion at Bay Ridge.
ACT IV.—Interior Rexford Villa.

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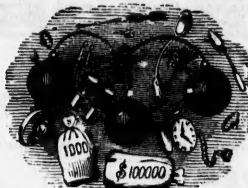
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We have sterilized the milk;
We have strained the prowling microbe
Through the finest kind of silk;
We have bought and we have borrowed
Every patent health device,
And at last the doctors tell us
That we've got to boil the ice.—Ex.

WANTED A CHANGE.

Smart—What ever induced your uncle to marry the widow of a man who was hanged?

Simpson—He has been married to widows before, and said he was tired of having the virtues of former husbands flung in his face.

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Harry Elting.....	Business Manager
G. M. Fenberg.....	Musical Director
Sam Dauries.....	Electrician
Jos. A. Elting.....	Advertising Agent

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THE SCORCHER.

"Why do they call a fast bicycle rider a scorcher, papa?"

"Because he goes a hot pace, makes pedestrians boiling mad, warms up the police and gets roasted in court. The scorcher thinks it a burning shame."

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During the evening, incidental to the stage performance, the Orchestra, under the Direction of MR. F. L. EVANS, will perform the following selections:

MARCH—	“Arlington”	Watts
SELECTION—	“Dorothy”	Cellier
WALTZ—	“Irene”	Bennet
TWO STEP—	“Vulcan”	Pettee

The above Programme subject to transposition.

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"I didn't want a six-room house," he said solemnly.

"That isn't a six-room house," retorted the agent.

"Yes, it is."

"But I say it is not," and the agent began counting them: there's the kitchen, two bedrooms, reception-room and dining-room; that's five, ain't it?

"Yes, and there's room for improvement; that's six," added the facetious man, and wanted to see something else.

A CRANIUM CURE.

My friend lay tossing, wild with pain,
Upon his restless bed;
He rolled his eyes in agony,
And pressed his aching head.

I whispered low—he quick replied:
"I never thought of that;
E'en as you say, I'll go to-day
To GRAHAM THE HATTER, for a hat.

When next I saw him he was well
And free from every pain;
The Hat had wrought a perfect cure
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And when o'er his ambrosial curls
I saw his Beaver shine—
Upon my sacred oath, I swear
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TOO MUCH.

Banns—You didn't know that I was once engaged to marry your wife, did you?

Danns—No; who broke the engagement?

Banns—I did.

Danns—Did, eh? (Smashes him, and pounds him within an inch of his life). There, now; if you ever play a trick like that on me again, I'll kill you the next time.

JAMIE'S OFFER.

Jamie is a bright-eyed boy who belongs to a family of seven children. He has an uncle living in the country twenty miles from his city home, and he loves to visit him.

Although he is only six, he shows great fondness for animals, and during his last visit he was much interested in a little calf there, and kept teasing his uncle to sell it to him to take home.

Finally the uncle asked: "What would you pay me for the calf?"

Jamie replied: "I haven't much money, but I could trade the baby for the calf, for we have a baby at our house most every year."

BEHIND THE TIMES.

Colonel—"Yes, that silver plate was handed down to me by my great grandmother, dear soul, who has been in heaven these sixty years."

Mrs. Parvenoo—"Bless me! How awfully behind the times they are up there, aren't they?"

A PLACE TO STAY IN.

"Kind sir," said the well-dressed stranger to a resident of the city, "is there a home for the friendless in this place?"

"Yes, there is; but you don't look as though you were forced to seek such a refuge."

"You must not judge by appearances, sir. I am a baseball umpire."

AN EFFECTIVE ONE, TOO.

Miss Kilduff—"How did Blanche manage to get a husband?"

Miss Kittish—"She utilized a matrimonial agency."

Miss Kilduff—"She surely didn't! What matrimonial agency did she utilize?"

Miss Kittish—"A hammock."

ECONOMICAL.

Bingo—"I shouldn't think you could afford to let your wife go to so many matinees."

Kingley—"Why not? It keeps her away from the dry-goods stores at least two hours and a-half."

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"Sir!"

That was the sound that he heard
when he asked her for just one little
kiss.

"Sir!"

There was so much emphasis to the
sound that came from her pretty lips
that he longed to have the ground
open and swallow him up.

"Cert!"

When she finished the word he at
last realized that she was only a new
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